

# ADMIRAL SIMS MAKES STRIKING EXPOSURES TO SECRETARY DANIELS

Naval Headquarters in London Received No Co-operations — Ten Months Before We Finally Came to Aid of Allies — Department Interfered.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Rear Admiral Sims told the Senate committee investigating naval awards today that when he was ordered to England in March, 1917, just before the United States entered the war, he was instructed by the Navy Department "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes" and that "we would just as soon fight the British as the Central Powers."

The admiral also charged that American naval headquarters in London did not receive co-operation from the Navy Department and that the department did not arrive at any definite plan of action until 1918, months after he arrived in London. He added that "it was ten months before we really came to the aid of the Allies or acted on their recommendations."

Admiral Sims' testimony was in the form of a letter to Secretary Daniels, entitled "Some Naval Lessons of the Great War," which Mr. Daniels received several days ago. The letter criticized the department for attempting to administer the details of action by the American naval forces overseas and alleged that the department demanded that it be permitted to pass fully on all plans, even those regarding action against the enemy.

## AUSTRIAN WAR VESSELS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED

Principal Parts of Machinery Destroyed or Removed, is Report.

Geneva, Jan. 17.—Austrian war vessels which, under the terms of the peace treaty must be handed over to the allies, have undergone a second "Scapa Flow," but on a smaller scale, according to a telegram received here from Turin by way of Lugano.

The dispatch states that the allied naval commission which arrived recently at Cattaro confirms reports that the Austrian fleet had been seriously disabled.

The Austrians were said to have destroyed or removed the principal parts of the machinery of the ships, rendering them incapable of navigation, only the hulls remaining in good condition. It is said, will require several months before the vessels can be made ready for the sea.

The fleet includes one battleship, 30 large cruisers, 100 torpedo boats, 15 torpedo boats and some smaller craft.

The Austrians are declared to have acknowledged the damage but have blamed the Czechs, Slovaks and the Yugoslavs. The ships eventually will be towed to Toulon and Marseilles for repairs.

## CORONER TO RESUME CASE ON MONDAY

New Witnesses Discovered in Holdup Matter.

Coroner Phelan will resume the hearing next Monday morning in the case of the unidentified man who was killed by Joseph P. Strunk after trying to rob the United Bank Co. office at 1114 Main street. Strunk has already told his story regarding the entrance of the man and his companion and their attempt to hold him up. The Police department has discovered several witnesses who will testify on Monday.

On Monday afternoon the coroner will hold a hearing in the case of Andrew Merson, a dealer in old metals, who was killed yesterday when part of a floor in his building collapsed. Several persons who were familiar with the condition of the building have been summoned as witnesses.

30,000 RUMANIAN PRISONERS HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND

Paris, Jan. 17.—Thirty thousand Rumanian prisoners in Germany have completely disappeared, according to a telegram from Bucharest to Red Cross headquarters here. The Rumanian government refuses to accept the German theory that such a large number might be included among those listed as missing. Investigation of the matter, begun some time ago, is continuing, according to the telegram.

# Anti-Toxin Rushed By Airplane

U. S. Aerial Mail Held to Carry Medicine to Fordham Hospital.

HOPED TO REACH NEW YORK AT 5

Chicago, Jan. 17.—The United States aerial mail plane to New York was delayed this morning to wait for a package of anti-toxin, rushed by automobile from the University of Illinois at Urbana and which is urgently needed at the Fordham hospital in New York for treatment of three cases of food poisoning.

The call for the anti-toxin was received at Urbana at 1 o'clock this morning in a message from Dr. John R. Stetson, medical examiner of the Bronx which said the package must be in New York in less than 24 hours or it would be too late. Because trains do not make the trip quickly enough it was suggested the anti-toxin be forwarded by airplane.

L. S. Allen, manager of the United States mail service here was appealed to, and promised to hold the first mail plane, scheduled to depart at daybreak, until the previous package was received.

Two girls in New York, whose parents and two brothers died after eating tainted olives, and a youth, who also was stricken, can escape death only by use of the anti-toxin, attending physicians believed.

The anti-toxin was perfected by Professor Robert Graham, head of the chemical department of the University of Illinois, and first was used at Detroit in the cases of a number of persons who had fallen ill after eating olives.

In the Detroit case five persons who attended a dinner October 23, died within four days of a strange food poisoning, newly discovered and called botulism. Two others were dangerously ill for weeks. All had eaten ripe olives.

Dr. Graham announced he had perfected an anti-toxin for botulism and physicians administered to the two sufferers. They recovered. Dr. Riegelman announced the new remedy "gave great promise."

Botulism, physicians say, is a tasteless, odorless but frightfully potent poison deposited in the food by a germ, which in itself is innocuous. It cannot live in air, does not thrive or give off poison in the warmth of the body, but lives and breeds in sealed cans or containers.

There is no way to detect the presence of botulism, physicians say. The anti-toxin arrived shortly after 8 o'clock from Urbana, but carboxer trouble delayed the start of the plane still further. At 9:45 m. the chances were still struggling with the motor, but the pilots expressed hope that they could reach New York by 5 P. M.

## COUNT VALLEY MUST DIE FOR EISNER'S DEATH

Munich, Jan. 17.—Count Arco Valley was sentenced to death yesterday for the assassination of Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, at Munich on Feb. 21, 1919.

Count Arco Valley was on the witness stand all day. The court was guarded inside and out by troops.

Describing events which led to the assassination, the court said: "I shot him from behind because he betrayed my fatherland."

## NEW HAVEN IS OFFICIAL HOME OF U. S. MARSHAL

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 17.—United States Marshal Palmer today announced that instructions had been received from the attorney general of the United States that the official residence of the marshal hereafter would be in New Haven. It was Hartford heretofore. The official residence of the federal judge of this district and the clerk is now New Haven, leaving only the United States District Attorney with official residence in Hartford.

## WOMAN SENT TO STATE FARM FOR WOMEN TODAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Horan, of 20 Bishop avenue, who is alleged to have stolen \$400 from Mrs. Margaret Pines, of the same address, was committed to the Connecticut State Farm for Women, at East Lyme, by the City Court this morning.

The woman's younger sister, Daisy Drury, who was also implicated in the theft, has been paroled in the custody of the probation officer under a suspended sentence. Both women were arrested by detectives last Tuesday, and are alleged to have admitted the theft of \$25 from Mrs. Pines. They deny that they made off with the \$400 which the woman claims to have lost.

## THREE DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL

Boston, Jan. 17.—Three men who attended "John Barleycorn's" obsequies in the South End district last night were removed to the hospital early today suffering from wood alcohol poisoning. Their condition was reported serious.

# COUNCIL'S NOTE ON EX-EMPEROR SENT TO DUTCH

Paris, Jan. 17.—The supreme council's letter to the Dutch government demanding the extradition of former Emperor William has been sent to that government. It was forwarded officially during the night.

# DESCHANEL IS CHOSEN HEAD OF FRENCH NATION

Voting Secret and Great Interest Taken In Election.

Versailles, Jan. 17.—Paul Deschanel was elected president of France by the national assembly here today. M. Deschanel received 724 votes out of a total of 889 cast.

The only printed ballot distributed bore M. Deschanel's name.

There were comparatively few abstentions from the voting, which proceeded so slowly that two hours was the estimated time for the completion of the roll call.

As voting progressed there was no indication whatever as to the result, or even as to how many candidates were being voted for.

The calling of the roll was completed at 3:39 o'clock.

While the voting was going on within the chateau the scenes outside were tranquil. A regiment of infantry was drawn up beyond the principal gate to the palace enclosure, and outside the line of soldiers was an orderly crowd of some thousands of persons who had gathered to see the distinguished arrivals and to learn the first news of the election.

All the approaches to the park were held by detachments of soldiers to keep out intruders.

Eugene Louis Deschanel, statesman and author, is known as one of the most brilliant public speakers of France. He was born in Brussels in 1857, during the exile in Belgium of his father, Emile Deschanel, Senator and professor of the College of Paris.

Paul Deschanel entered political life in 1876 as secretary to M. De-Marcere, then minister of the interior, and in the following year was secretary to Jules Simon, president of the council. In 1885 he was elected to the Chamber of Deputies, becoming vice president of that body in 1896.

M. Deschanel was elected president of the chamber in 1898 and held that office until 1902, when he was defeated for re-election. After relinquishing the presidency of the chamber, he was appointed president of the parliamentary commission of foreign affairs and colonies, which position he filled from 1905 to 1909.

Since May, 1912, when he succeeded Henri Brisson, M. Deschanel has served continuously as president of the chamber of deputies. He is a member of the French academy, having succeeded to the seat of the late Edouard Hervey. He has written several books on social and political subjects.

This is the second time M. Deschanel has been a candidate for the presidency of the republic. In 1913 he entered the lists against Raymond Poincare but polled only 18 votes.

# LESSETS HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

At about 8:30 o'clock this morning it was discovered that Joseph Lessets, 25, a roomer at 693 Connecticut avenue, was overcome in his room with gas and the emergency hospital ambulance summoned. He was revived by Dr. J. A. Maxwell and left at his room.

It is reported that Lessets went to sleep last night leaving a gas stove burning and the tube with a ceiling jet became disconnected and he was asphyxiated. The fumes of the escaping gas were smelled by a family living upstairs and the alarm given.

# SAY BOLSHEVIK FORCES BEATEN AND RETREATING

Warsaw, Jan. 17.—Bolshevik forces on the Lithuanian and Ruthenian fronts have been beaten and demoralized and are retreating east of Dvinsk, according to an official statement issued at General Staff headquarters. The Reds are reported to be destroying railroad stations and bridges to prevent pursuit by Lithuanian and Polish units.

The Lithuanian and Polish front now runs along the shore of Prell Lake and thence to Czereg, the report says. Strong attacks by the Bolsheviks east of Lepel have been repulsed with heavy losses, and prisoners have been taken by the Poles.

# FROZEN BEEF IS FOR SALE BY GOVERNMENT

Postmaster Charles F. Greene has received word that the War Department is offering frozen beef that had been bought during the war for sale by the government.

The beef is offered for sale to municipalities, county or state institutions and wholesale and retail dealers and distributors of beef.

# KILLS FOUR YEAR OLD BROTHER

Patterson, N. J., Jan. 17.—Henry Smith, Jr., four years old, was accidentally shot and killed today by his brother, Clifford, 12 years old. The boys were shooting at a target in the cellar of their home.

# "Soviet" In Power At Prison

Sweeping Investigation At Fort Leavenworth Is Ordered.

PRISONERS WERE OPENLY MISUSED

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17.—Preparations for carrying into effect orders of Federal Judge John C. Pollock, that a "sweeping and comprehensive" investigation be made into conditions at the federal disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, were begun today by Fred Robertson, U. S. District Attorney for Kansas.

Mr. Robertson said his plans as yet were entirely tentative. He added, however, that he expected to go fully into charges made yesterday at the trial in Kansas City, Kansas, of eleven former inmates of the barracks that which crime furnished and prisoners openly were mistreated. The committee, it was declared, came into existence as a part of the settlement of a general strike called in protest against the release of 113 conscientious objectors.

As evidence that Judge Pollock believed the barracks investigation should be far reaching, court officials today pointed to his instructions to the jury in the trial at which evidence was brought out by Judge Pollock said: "That portion of the case which to the mind of the court is one of the most unusual and singular things that has ever been heard in the history of this government, one of the most unusual situations ever presented in a court of justice, is this. They had a strike in the military prison; the convicts refused to work; with the approval of the government this institution was turned over to be run by a committee elected by the prisoners. Those there for punishment operated the prison."

Ordering of the investigation put the case on trial into the background. The eleven defendants were charged with being involved in a widespread plot to print and circulate from the barracks fraudulent government treasury certificates. Nine of the defendants were discharged by the jury on the ground that they had not been connected with the manufacture of the certificates. No verdict had been returned early today in the cases of Louis M. Osterweis of New Haven, Conn., known as the "millionaire kid," and John Conway of Hattiesburg, Miss., members of the "soviet" committee and charged with being the ring leaders of the certificates plot.

# J. W. BULLARD DEFENDANT IN DAMAGE SUIT

Stolz Claims \$10,000 For Injuries Received in Motor Smash.

On the ground that Joseph W. Bullard of Southport was driving recklessly on North avenue in January, 1919, and at that time struck and seriously injured, August Stolz of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., the latter has started suit against Bullard for \$10,000 damages. Papers in the suit were filed today in the Superior court and are returnable to the Superior court.

It is claimed that on the day of the accident Stolz was driving an automobile on North avenue. He said that because of Bullard's negligent driving the latter's car collided with the Stolz machine. Stolz declares he was injured internally, that he suffered from nervous shock and was unable to work for 20 weeks.

# HEAVY SNOWFALL

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# STOPS COMPENSATION.

Hastford, Jan. 17.—In a decision believed to be the first of its sort in Connecticut, Compensation Commissioner George B. Chandler has ordered weekly payments to Mabel Kennett stopped because she declined hospital treatment. She was injured in a factory.

# FUNERAL OF GUY RICHARDS.

New York, Jan. 17.—Funeral services for Guy Richards, one of the best known oarsmen ever turned out by Columbia University, were held today at Hewlett, Long Island. Mr. Richards, who died last Wednesday, rowed on the Columbia varsity in 1886 as a member of the crew. Columbia and Newburyport and Fitchburg, have been ordered closed. Prison authorities in other places have begun to consider seriously the idea of consolidation of turning all county prisoners over to the state.

# BRUNSWICK, GA., JAN. 17.—Mrs. William Rockefeller is dead at the Rockefeller winter home on Jeiky Island near here.

# 500 CASES OF WHISKEY TAKEN IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 17.—Five hundred cases of bonded whiskey, piled on the sidewalks in front of the custom house and under guard, helped convince New Yorkers today that there was an official determination to enforce prohibition.

The whiskey had been taken from bonded warehouses for export prior to the time the amendment became effective and its seizure began soon after midnight. Twelve warrants were issued for arrests in connection with the seizures. There was an official suspicion that there had been no intention on the part of the owners to export some of it, at least.

# FIVE DAY COLD SNAP BROKEN BY SNOWFALL

The end of a five-day cold snap was broken this morning when the heaviest snowfall of the winter ended at about 10 o'clock, having fallen at intervals since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Despite the snow of last night there was but a slight delay in traffic this morning and the winter ended at intervals since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

# POLICE EXPECT MAN WILL BE IDENTIFIED TODAY

Bridgeport police expect to learn today whether the Navy Department can help in establishing the identity of the unidentified man who was shot and killed by Joseph Strunk, Tuesday night. The systematic search of rooming houses in this city has so far developed no clue as to the identity of the dead man. The police are continuing this task, however, and intend to visit every furnished room house in Bridgeport during the course of the investigation.

# JAIL POPULATION LESSENS.

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# WILL TAKE PLACE OF 25 PERCENT ADVANCE SUGGESTED BY MAYOR

# COMMISSIONERS TO GET RULING ANENT REFUNDS

Cannot Decide Which Liquor Dealers Are Entitled to Money Back.

The question of which liquor dealers are entitled to a refund has proved a puzzle to the county commissioners and they will probably ask State Attorney General Healy to make a ruling on the question within a short time. Within the past few days many dealers have visited the offices of the commissioners in the county courthouse and all have demanded a refund regardless of whether they have been using the license since July 1, 1919.

The law simply provides that the money shall be refunded to the dealer for the unused portion of his license when he surrenders the license. It does not state definitely when the surrender shall be made. Commissioner Frank E. Ballard, stated this morning that it will be difficult to prove whether a dealer has been selling under his license since last July.

No money has yet been refunded because it is a lengthy process, requiring a requisition on the treasurer of the place where the dealer is located and the return of the money to the commissioners who, in turn, give it back to the dealer. No money was received for 1920 licenses, so there will be no complications about that. The commissioners took only applications for 1920.

# FOUR KILLED AND SCORE OR MORE INJURED

Cincinnati, Jan. 17.—Four firemen were killed and 13 injured, three of them seriously, when an explosion in the burning mills of the C. L. Newton Tea and Spice Co., in the Ohio river front district here, early today, blew out the east wall of the structure.

The dead are Edwin J. Vahling, William Schonecker, Ray Norris and Peter Buckley. Four fire companies were stationed on the suspension bridge approach which is only eight feet away from the building, fighting the fire when tons of brick and debris were hurled upon them by the explosion. Norris was instantly killed and the three others died after their arrival at a hospital.

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